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SUBJECT: US-YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL WORKING GROUPS -
TERMS OF REFERENCE

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1. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES EMBASSY WITH USG-CLEARED TEXT OF
PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR US-YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC/
COMMERCIAL WORKING GROUPS, REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY PRESENT
TEXT TO GOY FOR ITS CONCURRENCE, AND SUGGESTS THAT
EMBASSY FORMALLY PROPOSE THAT FIRST SESSION BE HELD IN
YUGOSLAVIA IN SEPTEMBER 1978.

2. BEGIN TEXT. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE U.S.-YUGOSLAV
ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL WORKING GROUPS. THE US-YUGOSLAV
ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL WORKING GROUPS, ESTABLISHED BY THE
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PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA DURING
THEIR MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN MARCH 1978, ARE TO FACILI-
TATE THE EXPANSION OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION BE-
TWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE SOCIALIST
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA.

THE WORKING GROUPS SHALL

--MONITOR U.S.-YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, IDENTIFYING AND, WHEN POSSIBLE, RECOMMENDING SOLUTIONS TO ISSUES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARTIES;

--PROVIDE A FORUM FOR EXCHANGING INFORMATION ON AREAS OF ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION INCLUDING INFORMATION CONCERNING BUSINESS PRACTICES AND MARKET TRENDS AFFECTING COOPERATION AND COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES.

THERE SHALL BE TWO WORKING GROUPS, ONE LOCATED IN WASHINGTON AND THE OTHER IN BELGRADE, EACH OF WHICH SHALL BE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH PARTY. EACH WORKING GROUP SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR OR AS MUTUALLY AGREED TO BY THE PARTIES. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE WORKING GROUPS SHALL MEET ALTERNATELY.

EACH PARTY SHALL NAME A CHAIRMAN, A COCHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE WORKING GROUP. THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES SHALL PLAN AND COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WORKING GROUPS. EACH WORKING GROUP SHALL INCLUDE SUCH PERMANENT GOVERNMENTAL MEMBERS AS MAY BE DESIGNATED BY EACH PARTY.

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MEETINGS OF THE GROUPS MAY, AS APPROPRIATE, BE ATTENDED BY COUNSELORS, EXPERTS, BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL DESIGNATED BY EACH PARTY. EACH PARTY SHALL ALSO ADVISE THE OTHER IN ADVANCE OF EACH MEETING OF THE PERSONS DESIGNATED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SESSION.

NOT LATER THAN ONE MONTH PRIOR TO A MEETING OF EITHER WORKING GROUP, THE PARTIES SHALL MUTUALLY AGREE ON AN AGENDA FOR THE MEETING. A WORKING GROUP SHALL CONSIDER MATTERS INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA, AS WELL AS SUCH OTHER MATTERS WHICH MAY THEREAFTER BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND COCHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP.

THE WORKING GROUPS SHALL WORK ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL AGREEMENT. MINUTES SHALL BE KEPT FOR EACH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUPS. THE AGREED MINUTES, SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND COCHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP THAT MET SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN EACH GOVERNMENT. THE PARTIES SHALL ADVISE EACH OTHER WHENEVER MEASURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS AGREED TO ARE SUBJECT TO

SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL OF THEIR GOVERNMENT. THE PARTIES SHALL INFORM EACH OTHER WHEN SUCH APPROVAL HAS BEEN OBTAINED.

THE CHAIRMAN AND COCHAIRMAN OF EACH WORKING GROUP MAY COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY CONCERNING ANY ISSUES WHICH MAY ARISE BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THEIR GROUP.

EXPENSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUPS SHALL BE BORNE BY THE HOST COUNTRY. TRAVEL EXPENSES, AS WELL AS THE LIVING AND OTHER PERSONAL EXPENSES OF REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUPS, SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE EXPENSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE MEETINGS.
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BOTH PARTIES WILL REVIEW THE FUNCTIONING AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE WORKING GROUPS AFTER AN APPROPRIATE PERIOD TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE GROUPS ARE THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF FACILITATING INCREASED ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL INTERACTION.

THESE TERMS OF REFERENCE MAY BE AMENDED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES AT ANY MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUPS.
END TEXT.

3. SUGGEST EMBASSY DELIVER ABOVE TEXT TO GOY FOR ANY COMMENT AND EVENTUAL CONCURRENCE. DEPARTMENT WILL CURRENTLY PROVIDE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY WITH COPY OF TEXT FOR THEIR INFORMATION.

4. UNLESS EMBASSY HAS OTHER SUGGESTION, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY FORMALLY PROPOSE THAT FIRST US-YUGOSLAV WORKING GROUP MEETING TAKE PLACE IN YUGOSLAVIA THIS SEPTEMBER, WITH PRECISE DATES TO BE WORKED OUT LATER. VANCE

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